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While the Battle of Jedha rages in the nearby holy city, Jedi Knight Vildar Mac and former Guardian of the Whills Tey Sirrek explore the wreckage of the once mighty Jedi statue that had dominated the Pilgrim Moon's desert for generations.

Inside, they discover a secret vault of dark side artifacts, which is being plundered by Werth Plouth, the Herald of the Path of the Open Hand. With Oliviah Zeveron already in critical condition due to a cowardly attack by Plouth, Vildar and Tey are overwhelmed by an assault on their senses. A terrifying creature feeds on and kills Jedi Master Leebon, and Tey Sirrek acts, using an ancient Sith gauntlet to bring down Plouth's associates.

But when Tey is killed, the already crazed Vildar Mac puts on the Hand of Siberus and turns the full force of its power on the Path....

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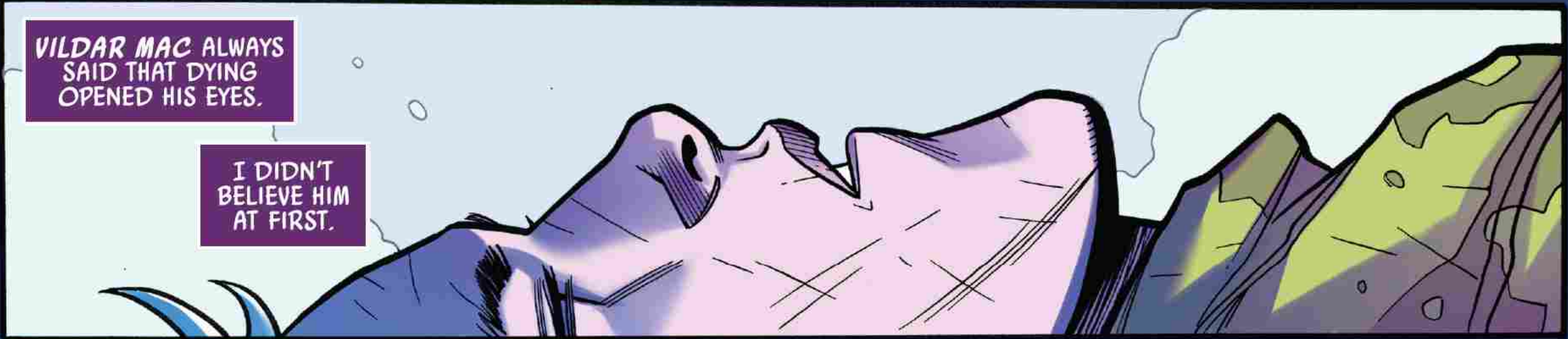
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VILDAR MAC ALWAYS SAID THAT DYING OPENED HIS EYES.

I DIDN'T BELIEVE HIM AT FIRST.



SHOWS HOW MUCH I KNOW.

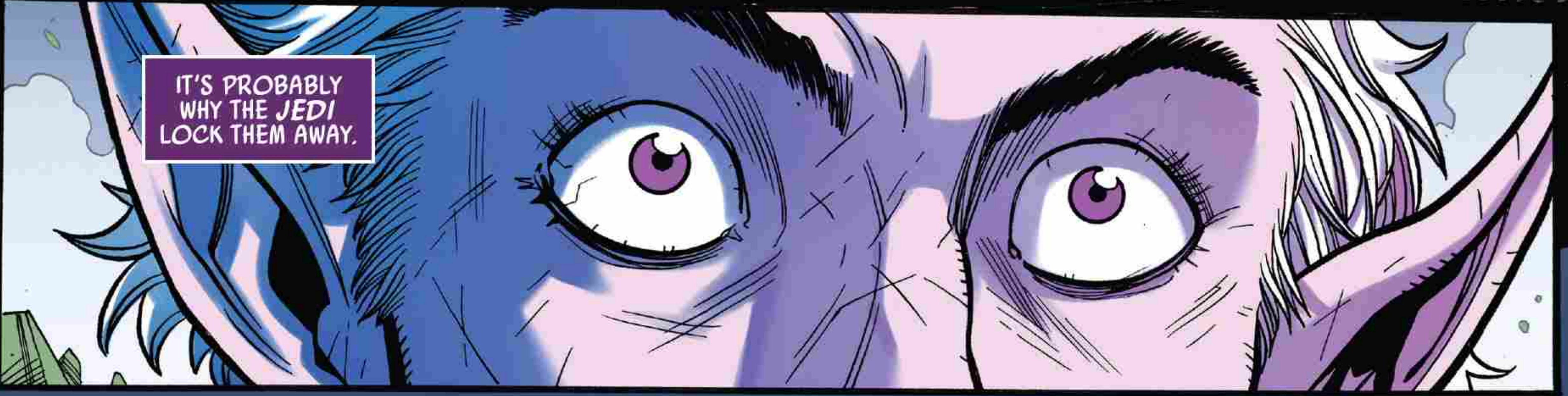


NOT THAT I REALLY WAS DEAD. AT LEAST, I DON'T *THINK* I WAS. MY HEART HAD JUST STOPPED FOR A MINUTE OR TWO.

ANOTHER *SEPHI* TRICK. WE HAVE SO MANY. SURVIVAL OF THE WILDEST.

BUT SOMETHING *HAD* CHANGED. THE WORLD WAS FUZZY, OFF-KILTER, LIKE USING THE *HAND OF SIBERUS* HAD UNLOCKED SOMETHING IN ME.

SITH ARTIFACTS WILL DO THAT TO YOU, I GUESS.



IT'S PROBABLY WHY THE *JEDI* LOCK THEM AWAY.

WHY THEY
NEVER USE
THEM.

KRAZZAK

AT LEAST,
THAT'S THE
GENERAL
IDEA...





VILDAR.
WHAT THE KRIFF
ARE YOU DOING,
MATE?

I REST
MY EYES FOR
FIVE MINUTES,
AND--



I'D
RATHER YOU
DIDN'T DO
THAT, SHEA.

I'M
BARELY ABLE
TO STAND ON
MY FEET AS
IT IS.

NNH!
COULD'VE
FOOLED
ME--



--YANA,
HELP!

OH, FOR
STORM'S SAKE,
SHEA--

--CAN'T
YOU HANDLE A
SCRAWNY **ROOKNIK**
ON YOUR
OWN?

SCRAWNY?

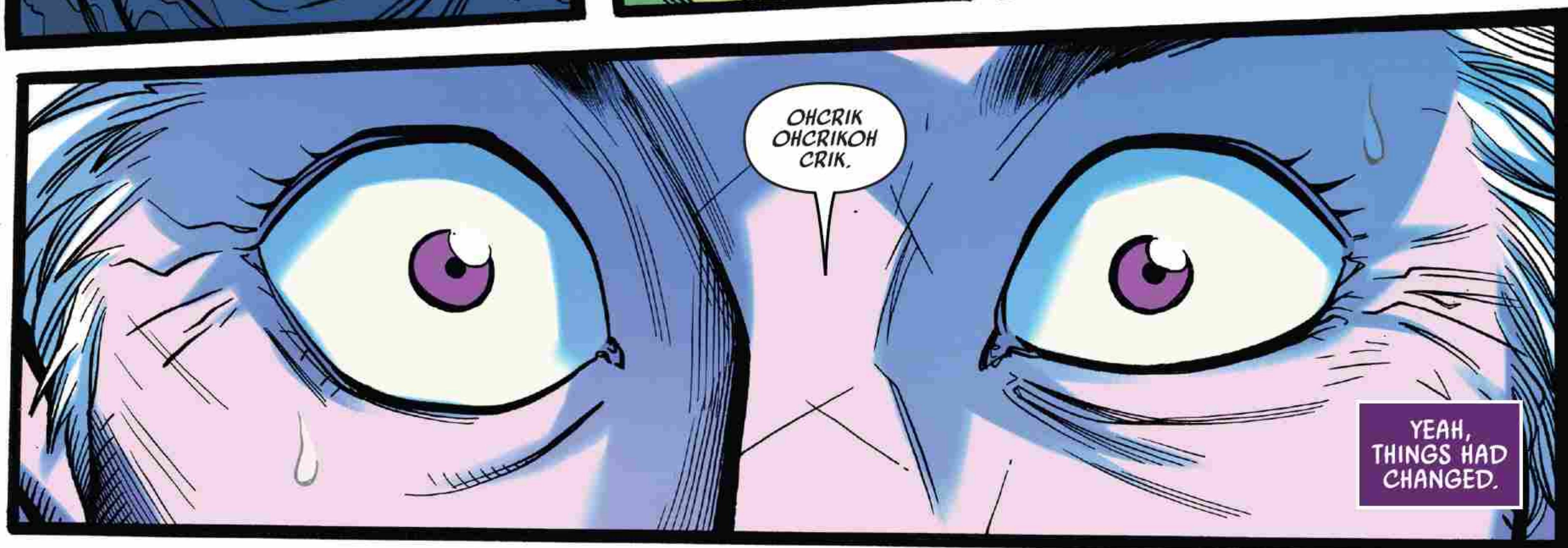
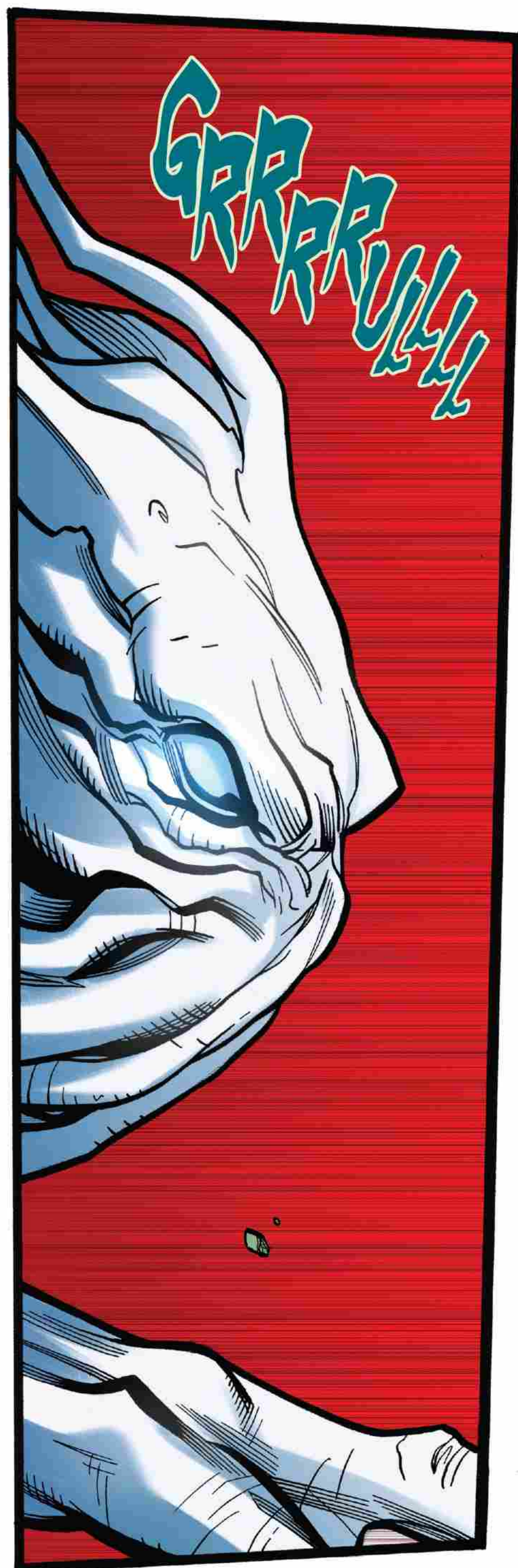
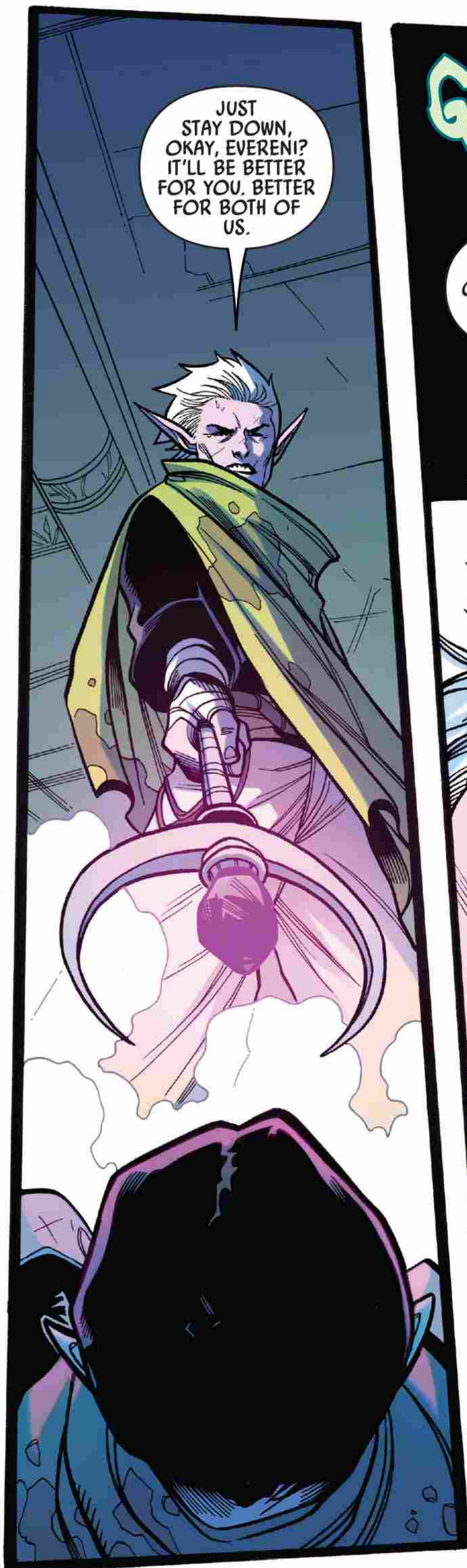
SWAP

TALK ABOUT
RUDE!

DIDN'T
YOUR **MOTHER**
TEACH YOU ANY
MANNERS?

KRKKK

AAH!



THEY'D
GOTTEN
WORSE.

NNN--

A
LITTLE HELP.
ANYONE?

ANYONE
AT ALL?!

DREAM
ON, WISE
GUY.

YANA?

MARDA?

THEY'RE
GOING TO KILL
US, YANA...GOING TO
KILL THE MOTHER...
NEED YOU...



"...NEED THE
LEVELER."

BEHOLD,
THE PURE AND
HONORABLE
JEDI.

MONSTERS
ONE AND
ALL.



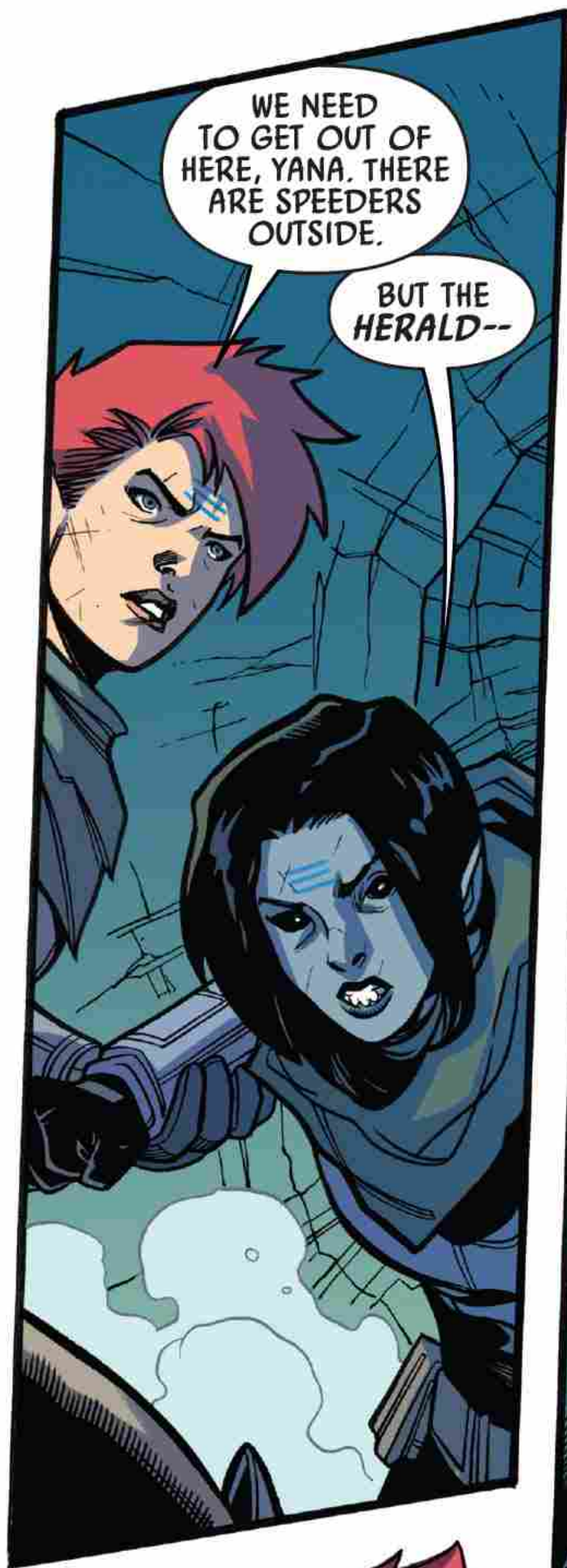
MONSTERS?
YOU'RE THE ONE
WHO KILLED LEEBON.
THE ONE WHO
KILLED TEY.

THIS ISN'T
HONOR. THIS IS
JUSTICE.



AAARGH!

THIS IS
RETRIBUTION.





HAD
ENOUGH, HAVE
YOU? IF YOU
WERE EVEN
THERE.

HAVING A
LITTLE TROUBLE
WORKING OUT WHAT'S
REAL OR NOT. WHAT
ABOUT YOU, SABER
BOY?

OH
YEAH.

NOW
I REMEMBER.

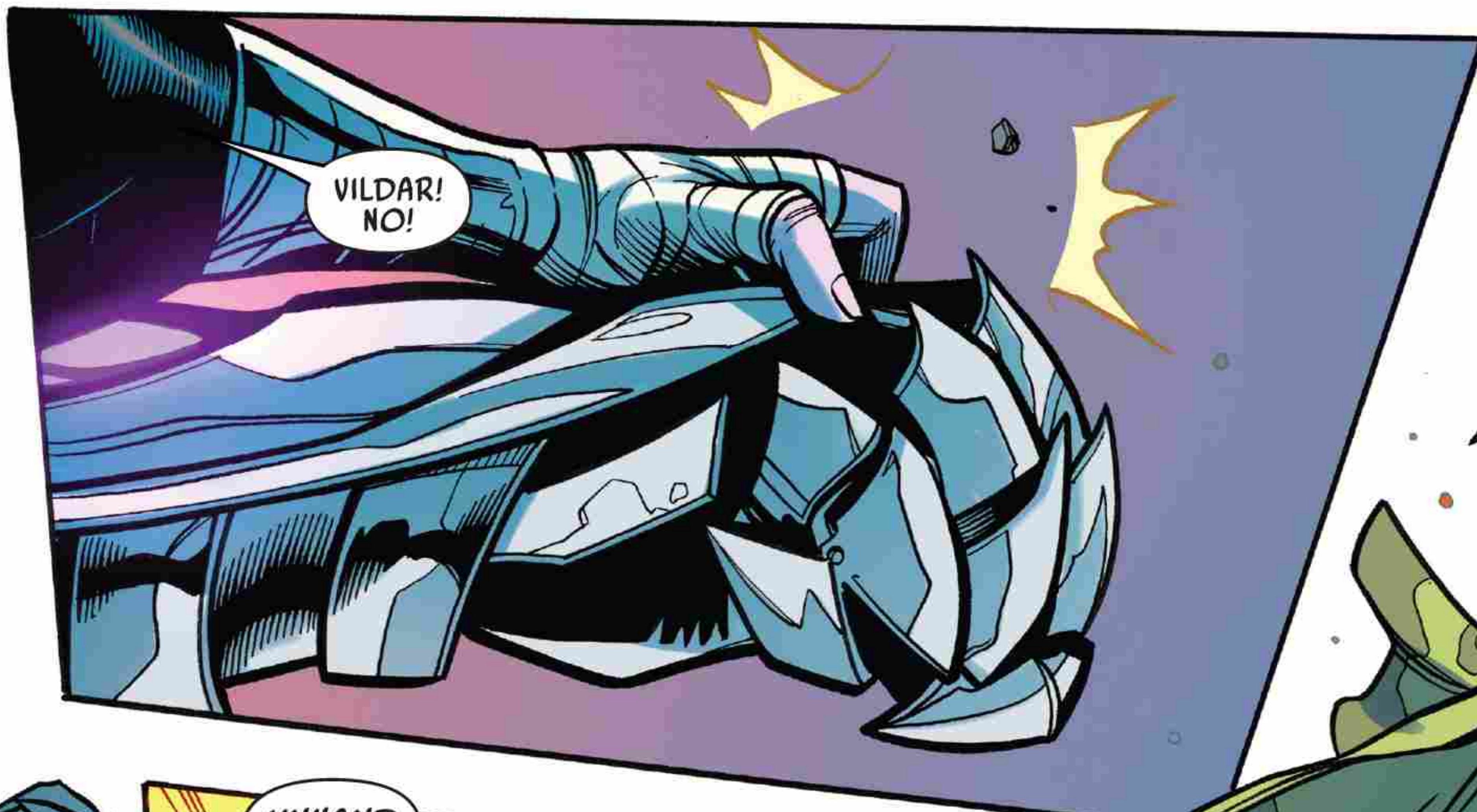
WAS IT
WORTH IT, HERALD?
ALL THE BLOOD? ALL
THE *CHAOS*?

TO FREE
THE FORCE?
I WOULD DO IT
ALL AGAIN AND
MORE.

I WOULD
GIVE MY LIFE.
MY VERY
SOUL.

THAT CAN BE
ARRANGED... FOR
THE LIGHT!

FOR THOSE
WHO COULDN'T
PROTECT THEM-
SELVES!



VILDAR!
NO!



UNHAND
ME!

PAKK



T-TEY?
TEY, IS THAT
REALLY
YOU?

LARGE AS
LIFE AND TWICE AS
HANDSOME.

YOU
DON'T WANT TO
DO THIS, BIG MAN.
TRUST ME, I KNOW.
YOU'RE BETTER
THAN THIS.

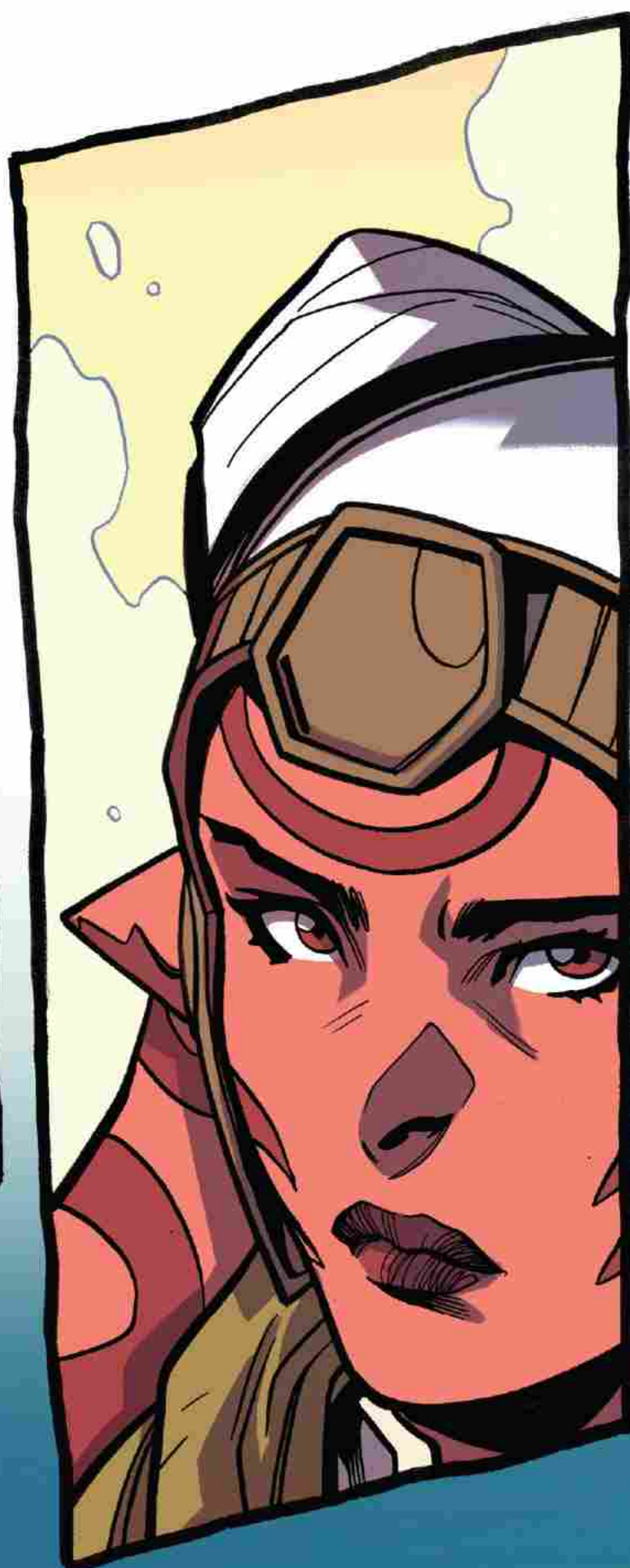


BECAUSE
I'M A JEDI? DO
YOU REALLY THINK
THAT MATTERS
NOW?



NOT
BECAUSE YOU'RE
A JEDI, YOU STUBBORN
DRYDAK. BECAUSE YOU'RE
MY FRIEND. AND I KNOW
WHAT YOU ARE. WHO
YOU ARE.

AND
THIS ISN'T
IT.





HEH. AM I
SUPPOSED TO
BE GRATEFUL,
JEDI?

AM I
SUPPOSED TO BE
IMPRESSED?

NO.

YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO
SHUT THE HELL
UP--

"--AND FACE THE
CONSEQUENCES OF
YOUR ACTIONS."

THE TIDE IS
TURNING, **PADAWAN
CATHLEY**. IS THE BATTLE
FINALLY REACHING
ITS END?

IF IT IS,
TARNA, I'M NOT
SURE WHO'S
WON.

JEDHA IS A
DISASTER.

HOW CAN
WE EVER COME
BACK FROM
THIS?





BY
HEARING THE
TRUTH.



VILDAR?
TEY?

IT'S THE
HERALD OF
THE PATH! WHAT
HAVE THEY DONE
TO HIM?



WHAT, INDEED, MY FRIENDS? I HAVE UNCOVERED THE **TRUTH**. THE LIES OF THE JEDI LAID BARE.

THE ORDER HAS BEEN KEEPING A CACHE OF **DANGEROUS ARTIFACTS** HERE ON JEDHA, A VAULT KEPT SECRET BY THE JEDI'S FORMER REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CONVOCAATION.



IS THIS TRUE, JEDI MAC?

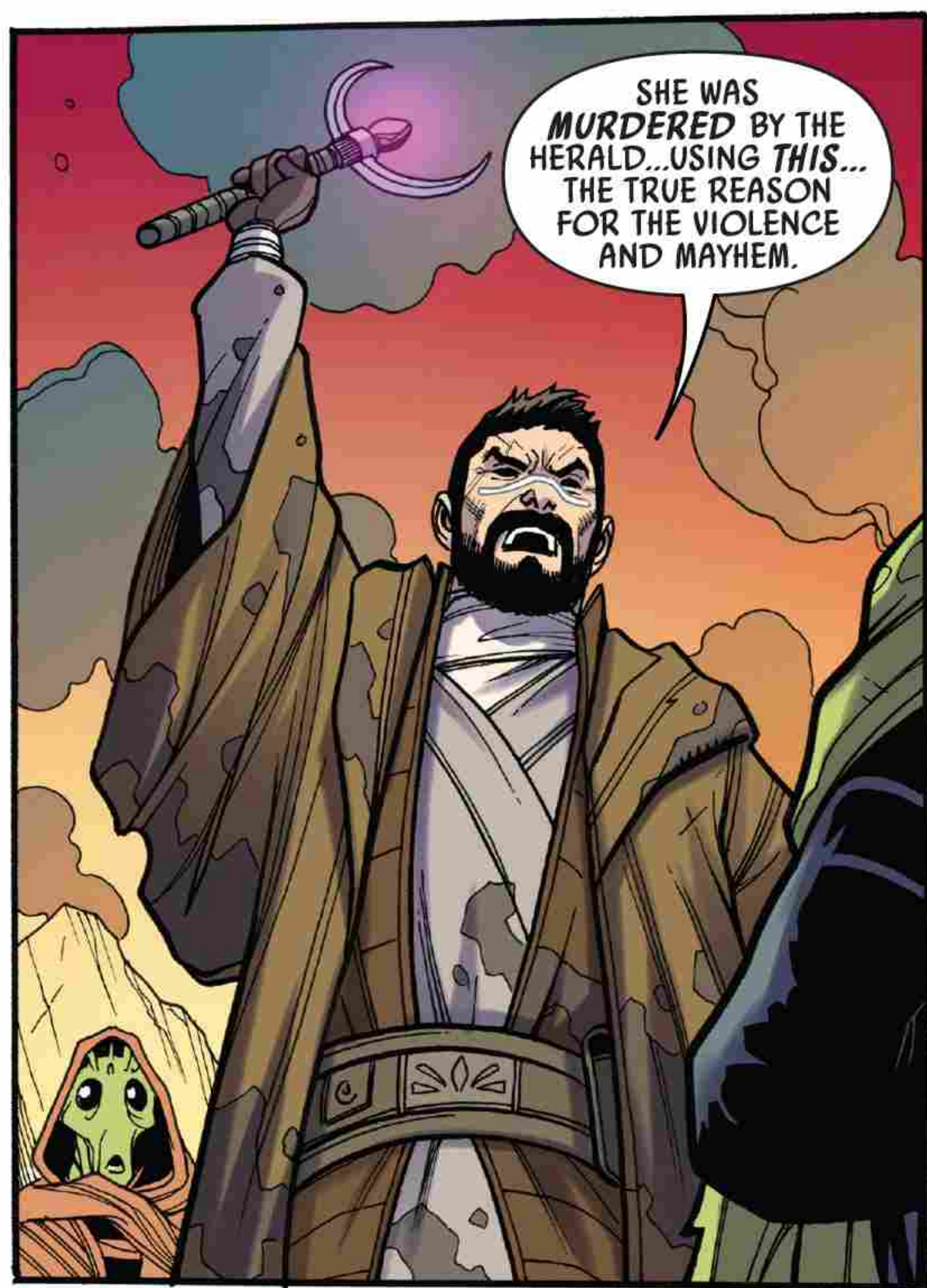
AND WHAT DID HE MEAN BY "**FORMER**" REPRESENTATIVE? WHERE'S MASTER LEEBON?



I'M SORRY, MATTY. MASTER LEEBON IS ONE WITH THE FORCE.



I...I DIDN'T FEEL HER PASSING. HOW DID IT HAPPEN?



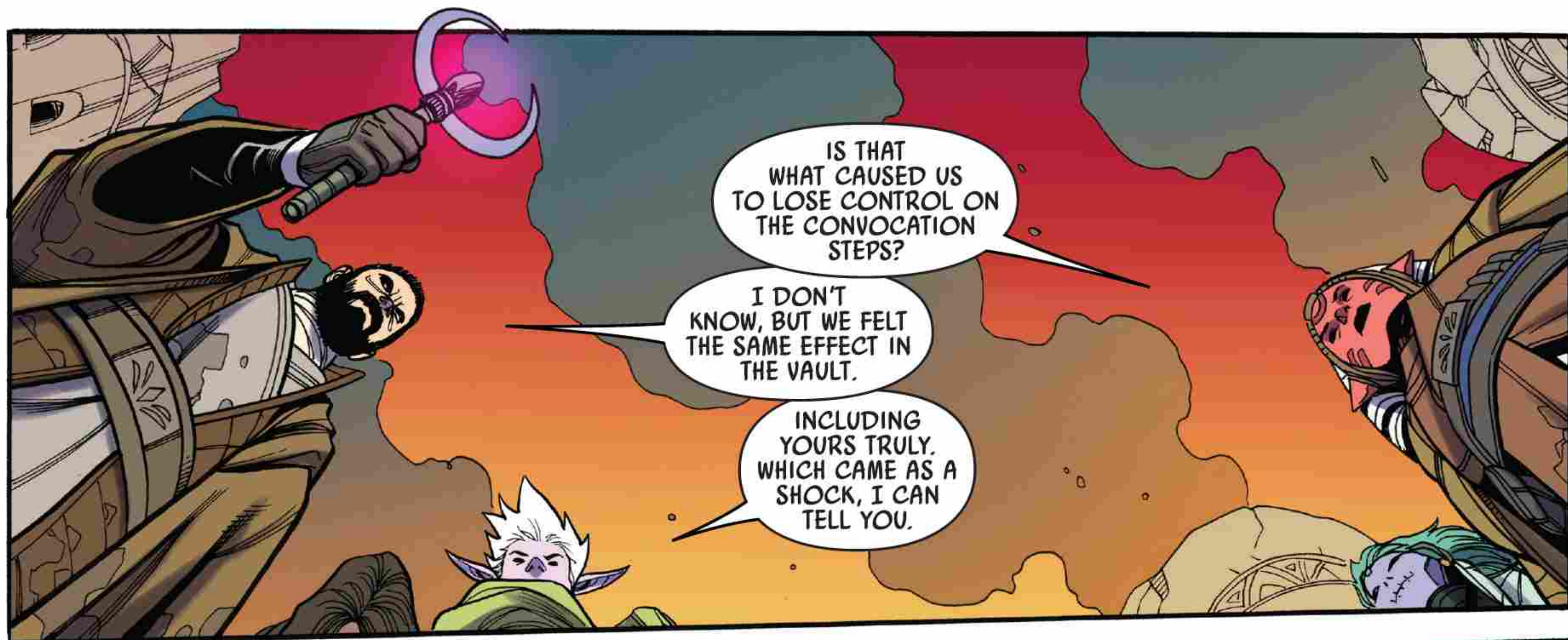
SHE WAS **MURDERED** BY THE HERALD...USING **THIS**... THE TRUE REASON FOR THE VIOLENCE AND MAYHEM.



IT'S TRUE, ALL OF IT. PLOUTH TURNED US AGAINST EACH OTHER... BELIEVER AGAINST BELIEVER... PILGRIM AGAINST PILGRIM... ALL SO HE COULD LOOT OUR MOST SACRED PLACES.

IF I WAS A BETTING MAN--AND I **AM**--I'D GUESS THE PATH WAS BEHIND THE ROBBERIES THAT HAVE PLAGUED US ALL FOR MONTHS.

MAYBE EVEN THE BOMB THAT WRECKED THE TEMPLE AND KILLED **ARCHIVIST ZUMEG**.



IS THAT WHAT CAUSED US TO LOSE CONTROL ON THE CONVOCAION STEPS?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE FELT THE SAME EFFECT IN THE VAULT.

INCLUDING YOURS TRULY. WHICH CAME AS A SHOCK, I CAN TELL YOU.



THEN IT MUST BE STUDIED. MAYBE IF WE SENT IT TO *CORUSCANT*, THE HIGH COUNCIL COULD--

NO, REPRESENTATIVE *KILAN*.

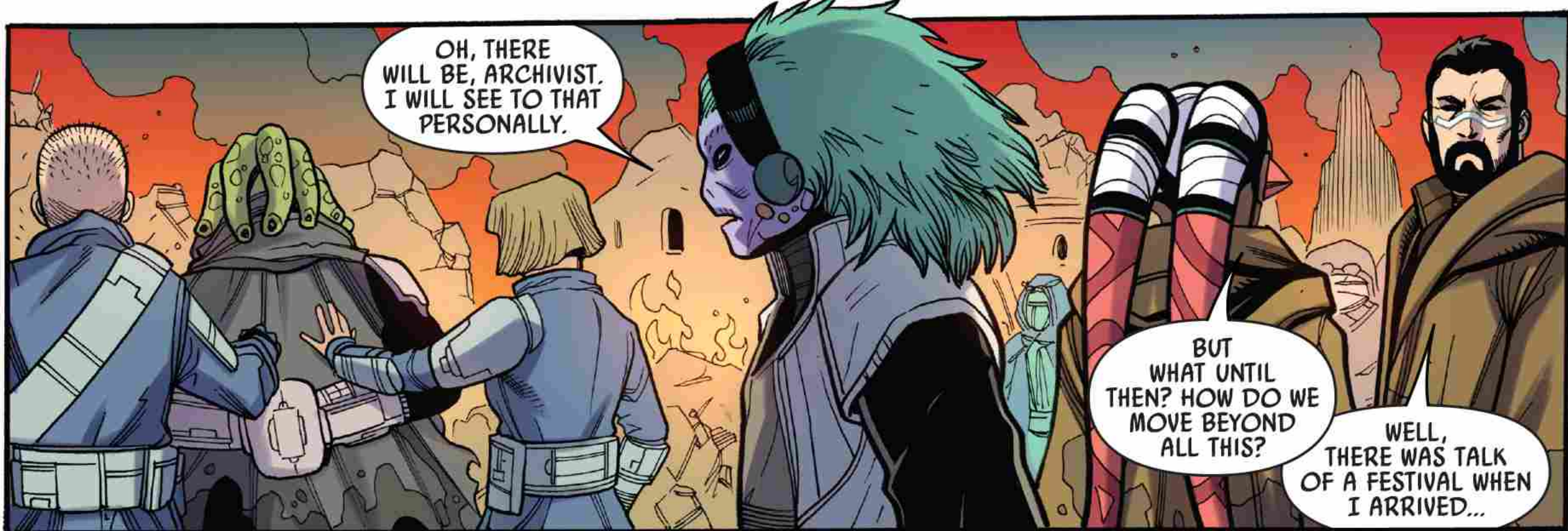
THIS IS NOT A MATTER FOR THE JEDI ALONE. IT AFFECTS US ALL, AND ONLY BY WORKING *TOGETHER* WILL WE DISCOVER THE TRUTH.



PERHAPS THE *DISCIPLES OF THE WHILLS* COULD START BY EXAMINING THE ROD, CHIEF ARCHIVIST *ORANALLI*?

OF COURSE, JEDI MAC, BUT WHAT OF THE TERRORIST?

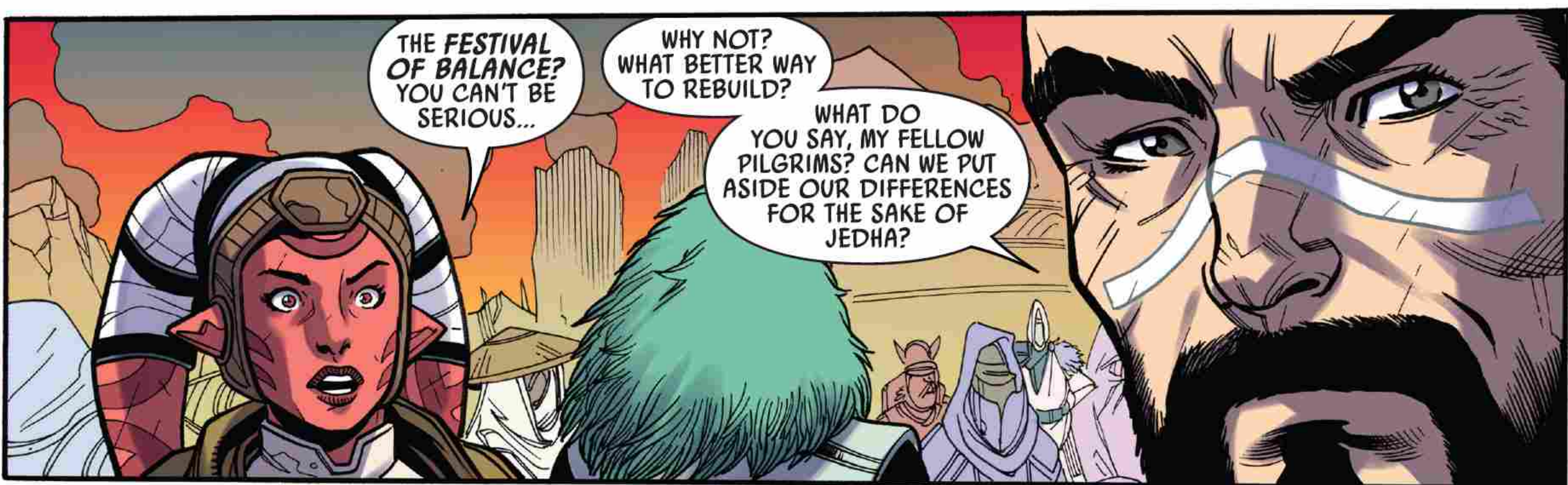
IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, THERE MUST BE A TRIAL. A *RECKONING*.



OH, THERE WILL BE, ARCHIVIST. I WILL SEE TO THAT PERSONALLY.

BUT WHAT UNTIL THEN? HOW DO WE MOVE BEYOND ALL THIS?

WELL, THERE WAS TALK OF A FESTIVAL WHEN I ARRIVED...



THE *FESTIVAL OF BALANCE*? YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS...

WHY NOT? WHAT BETTER WAY TO REBUILD?

WHAT DO YOU SAY, MY FELLOW PILGRIMS? CAN WE PUT ASIDE OUR DIFFERENCES FOR THE SAKE OF *JEDHA*?



"FOR THE SAKE OF THE FORCE?"

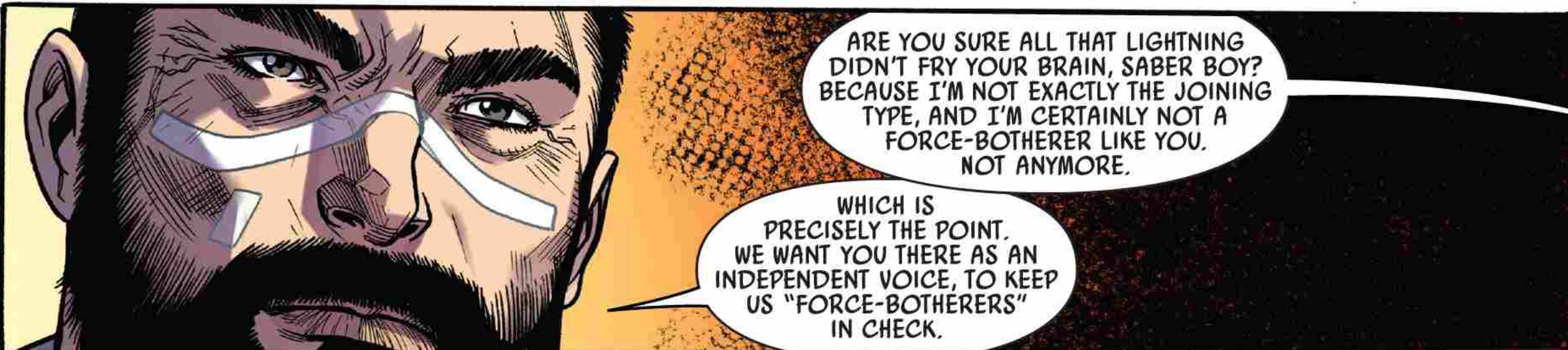


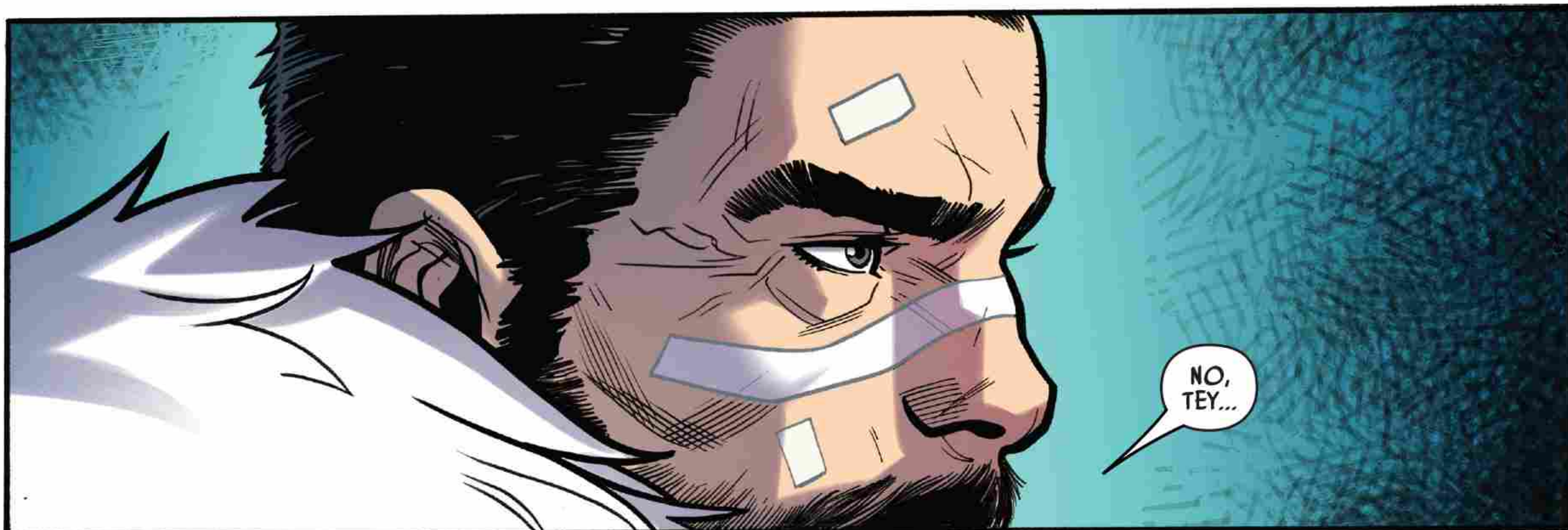
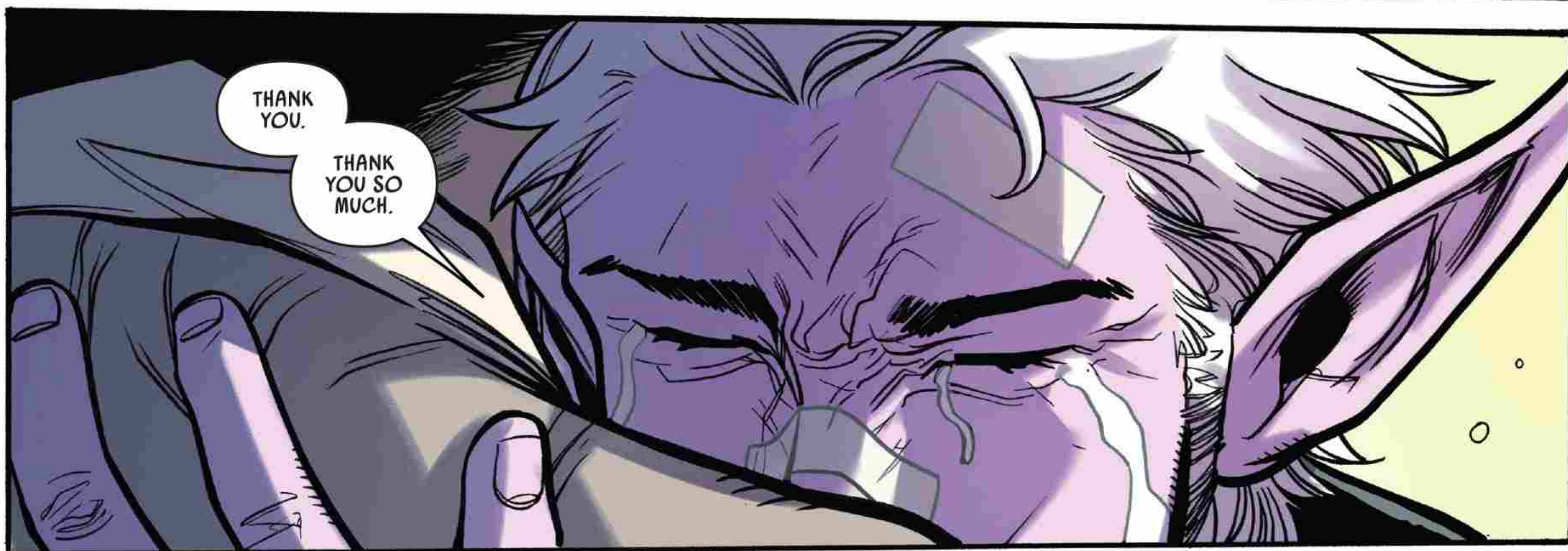
WELL, IT'S CERTAINLY NOT THE SHINDIG THE CONVOCATION HAD IN MIND...

NO, BUT WE'LL TAKE IT.

WE! LISTEN TO HIM! FIVE MINUTES ON THE CONVOCATION AND IT'S GONE TO HIS HEAD.

LEAVE HIM ALONE, TEY.







...THANK
YOU.

THE END...
AND A BEGINNING.

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WILL RETURN...

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